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Mr. JOHNSON of Texas, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3086]

The Committee on Armed Services, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3086) to amend the Mutual Security Act of 1951, and for other purposes, which was reported favorably to the Senate on April 30, 1952, by the Committee on Foreign Relations, having considered the bill pursuant to the instructions of the Senate to report on or before May 15, 1952, report favorably thereon without amendment.

The Committee on Armed Services received testimony in executive session from the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Director for Mutual Security, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air).

Throughout these hearings emphasis was concentrated upon the military aspects of the program contemplated in S. 3086 and especially the degree to which the military aspects of the program mesh with the scope and progress of programs looking toward the build-up of our own forces.

While recognizing that the requirements imposed by S. 3086 for military assistance will have a genuinely serious impact on our national economy and on the making available of funds for our own military services, the committee is of the opinion that meeting these requirements will materially strengthen rather than weaken our own national security.

In effect, therefore, our international program for security is so integrated with our national program for security that the amounts recommended for the military purposes of the bill for fiscal year 1953 will provide as much defense for the United States as if these amounts were to be authorized for appropriation directly to our own military services.

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